

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1417 - HB 1046

March 27, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces the training requirements for administrative judges to be certified to conduct due process hearings in special education to 40 hours of initial training in special education law and 15 hours of training each year thereafter. Currently, these judges must have 40 hours of training per year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Decrease in Federal Funds - \$7,650

Training for administrative law judges who conduct due process hearings in special education is funded with federal dollars provided in the special education basic grant. There are 21 administrative law judges and approximately three of these are replaced each year. The estimated cost of training is \$17 per hour.

Current law

21 judges x 40-hr. training x \$17 hr. = \$14,280

Proposed Law

3 judges x 40 hr. training x \$17 hr. =	\$2,040	
18 judges x 15 hr. training x \$17 hr. =	<u>4,590</u>	<u>6,630</u>
		<u>\$ 7,650</u>

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director